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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION

SOME BOGOTA MEDIA HAVE CARRIED REPORTS THIS AFTERNOON THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ HAS RESIGNED AND AT LEAST ONE SUCH REPORT INDICATED THAT HE HAD TURNED POWER OVER TO MILITARY. RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCES HAVE FLATLY DENIED THESE STORIES
AND THERE IS NO RPT NO EVIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT PLANS SUCH A MOVE. SUCH RUMORS HAVE ARISEN EARLIER IN LOPEZ' TERM OF OFFICE. LATEST SPATE IS PROBABLY PROMPTED BY FACT THAT PRESIDENT IS INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF VEXING DOMESTIC POLITICAL SQUABBLES, INCLUDING ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION LEVIED AGAINST TWO OF HIS SONS. HIS THRESHOLD OF TOLERANCE AND IRRITABILITY HAS AS A RESULT BEEN GETTING LOWER. WE ARE PREPARING AN ANALYTICAL REPORT ON THESE AND OTHER FACETS OF THE PRESIDENCY WHICH WILL BE CABLED TO DEPT SHORTLY.

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LOPEZ HAS RESIGNED AND AT LEAST ONE SUCH TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, PINS, SOPN, CO, (LOPEZ MICHELSEN, ALFONSO)

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